

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003. As this paper is filed on May 4, 2004, the paper is timely filed.

I. Status of Amendments

Claims 62-81 were pending prior to this reply, claims 62-68 and 76-81 having been withdrawn. No amendments have been made by this reply; however, the claims have been presented above given that the status of several of the claims has changed to "withdrawn" since the last amendment. Thus, claims 62-81 remain pending, with claims 62-68 and 76-81 being withdrawn.

Because applicants previously paid fees for 4 independent and 61 total claims, applicants' amendments do not require a further fee to be paid.

II. Response to the February 4 Office Action

In the February 4 Office Action, claims 69, 71, 73 and 74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Wells et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,530,842). Claim 70 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wells et al. in view of Karten et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,553,820) and Gottschalk et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,158,490), and claims 72 and 75 over Wells et al. in view of Raven et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,249,361). Applicants respond as follows.

Claim 69 recites a gaming terminal having a base, at least one display unit, an articulation support system, at least one value input element, and a processor operatively coupled to said at least one display unit, said at least one value input element, and a memory, the programmed to accept a wager, to cause said at least one display unit to generate a game display relating to a game, and to determine a value payout associated with an outcome of said game. The articulation support system includes a first support element attached to said base, a brace configured to accommodate said at least one display unit, a second support element having a first end received within said first support element, said first end translatable within said first support element between a first position and a second position,

and a second end operatively coupled to said brace, and at least one fastener mechanism to pivotally secure said at least one display unit to said brace.

Wells et al. does not disclose each and every limitation of the claimed subject matter of claim 69. In particular, Wells et al. lacks a first support element and a second support element having a first end received within said first support element, said first end translatable within said first support element between a first position and a second position. This telescoping mechanism is not disclosed in the allegedly corresponding elements 30B and 30C. Instead, Wells et al. states (at col. 5:13-17) that:

[T]he support mechanism 30 may be fabricated from multiple portions, represented in the drawings as 30A, 30B, 30C, which may be hingeably interconnected to enable the support mechanism 30 to flex and to move.

Because each and every limitation of claim 69 is not present in Wells et al., Wells et al. does not anticipate claim 69.

As to claims 70-75, claims 70-75 depend from claim 69. Because claim 69 is patentable, claims 70-75 are also allowable.

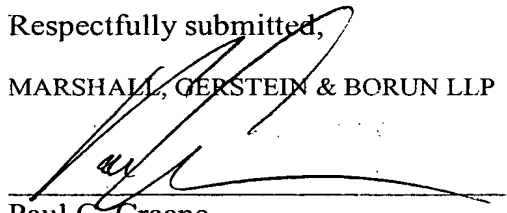
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. If there is any matter that the Examiner would like to discuss, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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